

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 25th, 2015

Dear Parishioners:

Catholic Schools Week is here! The main goal of this annual celebration is to build community awareness about the strengths and distinctiveness of Catholic schools. Catholic Schools Week is also about strengthening relationships among all who have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community. It's a highlight of the school year when we can focus on our greater purpose of bringing alive the gospel message.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2015 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service." The theme encompasses several concepts that are at the heart of Catholic education. First, schools are communities - small families in their own right, but also members of the larger communities of home, church, city and nation. Faith, knowledge and service are three measures by which any Catholic school can and should be judged. Our focus this year at Holy Cross will be on celebrating our faith, knowledge, and service across seven domains: parish, community, students, nation, vocations, faculty and staff, and families.

The week will be filled with a blend of fun and faith-filled activities. Each day will begin with an all-school prayer service. We've invited members of the religious community to facilitate a panel discussion about vocations. We'll spend time with elderly residents at The Villages. Students will be honored for personal achievements in peacekeeping, service to others, displaying a positive attitude, and striving for excellence. Parishioners will read to our younger students.

We look forward to a fulfilling week! The staff invites you to pray for our students' continued growth in their faith journey, especially during this week of celebration.

Yours in Christ,

Lisa Simon

EVENTS AND MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Sun, Jan 25...KC's Pancake & Sausage Breakfast,
Catholic Schools Kick-off Week
Mon, Jan 26...Rosary in Chapel 7pm
Tues, Jan 27...Fatima Group 8:30am, Adult Ed @ Myra Room 7pm,
Choir Practice 7pm
Wed, Jan 28...Mass @ HC 8:15am, Religious Ed. 6:30pm
Thurs, Jan 29...Adult Ed. @ Myra Room 8:45am, RCIA @ HC 7pm
Fri, Jan 30.....
Sat, Jan 31... Rosary in Chapel 9am, Lector Training 9:15am
Sun, Feb 1...Holy Cross Athletic Breakfast

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer): Everyone is Welcome - Tuesday – Friday at 7:20am & Sat at 7:35am in the church.

Please consider signing up for Automatic Withdrawal for your Sunday giving. It's easy to sign up and will automatically be withdrawn from your account one time a month. Forms are in the back of church, on the parish website; www.stncc.net or by calling the parish office at 952-461-2403.

St. Nicholas apparel items and accessories are available to order online. Please visit the parish website (stncc.net) and follow the link provided or visit <https://ssastores.com/store/st-nicholas-catholic-church-elko-new-market-mn/> Please note all ordering, payment, shipping and returns are handled through SSA Stores and not the parish office.

Doughnut Sunday schedule: Feb 8th, March 8th and April 12th. Doughnuts are served after both Sunday masses. Everyone is welcome!!

The following babies have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism here at St. Nicholas: **Ashton Jeffrey Miles, son of Jeffrey and Jodi Miles; Veronica Ann Damiani, daughter Matt and Lisa Damiani.** We warmly welcome these children into the family of Christ.

TODAY - Knights of Columbus are hosting a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast from 8:00 - 12:00. Help us kick off Catholic Schools Week by having breakfast with your friends and family. Proceeds benefit Holy Cross Catholic School. Everyone is welcome!

Golden Hearts are celebrating Valentine's Day February 12, by going out to lunch. Call Gretchen Rhein at 952-461-2230.

The Golden Hearts are also continuing to collect used postage stamps for the missions. There is a container at the back of Church.

Would your child like to put their very own envelope into the collection basket each week? Now they can! We have a box of children's envelopes located in the back of church, which your child can use each week to write on, the good deed they did that week, a message to God or if they want to reach into their pockets and give a little something. Any amount that is collected will be listed in the bulletin each week. A great way to encourage participation and stewardship is by making an offering of prayer.

DO YOU OWN YOUR OWN BUSINESS? WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADVERTISER on ST. NICHOLAS' BULLETIN?

We are looking for advertisers to help fill the back of our bulletin. The rate is very reasonable, and your ad runs weekly. Please call or e-mail Lisa at the parish office if you are interested. 952-461-2403 or lisal@stncc.net

Our first Chicken Cookout Meeting of the year, is scheduled for Thursday February 12th at 7pm in the Church Basement. If you would like to help plan this year's event please join us for this meeting. Any question please call the parish office at 952-461-2403.

Lector Training for current lectors and anyone who wishes to learn this ministry, and are in high school or older. If you are blessed with the gift of speaking comfortably to a crowd, please consider this ministry. Training for Lectors will be held on Saturday, January 31st @ 9:15am. To sign up for training please call or e-mail Lisa at the parish office. 952-461-2403, lisal@stncc.net

Carpet Update

St. Nicholas is blessed to have two parishioners who have experience in Interior Design and Home Decorating. These two very talented ladies have helped us narrow down the color choices for the new carpet using the following criteria:

1. The focus in Church should be on our beautiful altar, not on the floor.
2. The carpet selections must enhance the colors on our altars and gorgeous art pieces throughout the Church. For example, each selection has a touch of gold to bring out the gold which is painted within the art pieces and the altars.
3. The carpet must also compliment the great detail and texture of our wooden pews and wood floors.
4. The carpet selections must be timeless, making choices for paint color changes in the future easy.

Thank you Ladies!

Your opinion really does matter and now we need your help in choosing the carpet for our beautiful Church. Carpet selections will be on display after Masses next weekend and you will have an opportunity to vote on one of three choices.

Holy Cross Athletic Association Annual Breakfast

Sunday February 1st, 8:00a.m. to Noon

**Adults \$8.50, Students \$4.50, Children 4 and under Free
All proceeds go to support Holy Cross Athletics.**

2015 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

"Be Imitators of Christ"

The 2015 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is underway. Many of our parishioners have already received a mailing from the newly established Catholic Services Appeal Foundation requesting your support of the Catholic Services Appeal. Please respond generously.

The Appeal funds services that no one parish or individual can support alone. These services must go on despite these troubled times in our archdiocese. It is important to know that contributions to the Catholic Services Appeal will be used for the benefit of designated ministries of the Appeal. Please visit the new Catholic Services Appeal Foundation website at csafspm.org for more information.

When you give to the Catholic Services Appeal you provide food and shelter, education, spiritual support, and sacraments to individuals who are in need,

disabled, imprisoned, hospitalized, or in nursing homes. You help give nearly 2,500 students access to a life-changing Catholic school education their families could not otherwise afford. You support seminarians preparing for the priesthood, make the annual Archdiocesan Youth Day happen, and help fund the evangelization and catechesis initiatives. You help our 65,000 brothers and sisters at the mission parish of Jesucristo Resucitado in Venezuela. You help support Latino ministry for our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters at 23 local parishes. **And, when our parish reaches its goal, 25% of all funds received will be returned for use to support ministries in our parish.**

An invitation to attend a Cursillo Weekend: The New Year always brings resolutions. Why not make a resolution to make Christ the center of your life? The Cursillo movement can help make your resolution a reality. Cursillo offers a great opportunity for you to engage more in your faith. Those who have been on a Cursillo work toward a common goal...living a Christ centered life, spreading the Word of God and helping each other form a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. It all starts with making a weekend. The weekend starts on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. The weekends for winter 2015 are fast approaching and are being held at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. The men's weekend is Feb. 5-8, 2015 and the women's weekend is Feb 12-15, 2015. Now is the time to sign up. The weekend will help you experience your faith more deeply and help you to realize how God is working in your life every day. You are being invited to attend a Cursillo weekend, for more information regarding Cursillo, please call Tom and Deb Streefland 652-652-2349 or Ron and Kathy Chlan 952-652-2286 or visit the Cursillo website at www.tc-cursillo.org.

Thank you to everyone who has responded so quickly to the parish needs, through prayer, treasure and talent! God Bless You!

All these projects are complete!

We still need continued financial support for these projects, we are a little more than half way there. Remaining Balance - \$8,033.50

Sidewalk replacement - \$2,236.50

Replacement of flat roofs over basement bathrooms & south basement entrance - \$11,250.00

Mold removal in parish basement - \$1,755.00

Mold removal in school building - \$600.00

Leaf guards for gutters on rectory - \$620.00

Additional Mold Removal (not in original bid) - \$1,952.00

Air Quality Tests (not included in original bid)- \$568.00

Total cost of current needed repairs: 18,981.50

Donations to date – Thank You! 11,136.00

Balance 7,845.50

We are also in the process of identifying and prioritizing a number of other projects (solving our water problems is a big one). If you are able to contribute to the parish for these expenses, you can make your donation two different ways. In your current Sunday envelopes, on the left side of the envelope it reads Capital Improvement and Endowment Fund Offering. Simply circle Capital Improvement and then list the dollar amount you would like to contribute to the projects. You may also stop in the parish office and leave your donation with Lisa. As the donations begin to come in, the dollar amounts will be listed in the bulletin. If you have any questions please contact the parish office at 952-461-2403

Thank you from the Parish Leadership.

Year-End Donation Opportunity.

Please consider a donation to our Parish Endowment Fund.

The Endowment is set up so we cannot spend the principle, only the interest earned can be spent as the Parish sees fit.

Current balance \$ 96,000

Accumulated Interest \$ 46,000

BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets one Tuesday a month @ 7:15pm at Deb Streefland's home.

If you are interested in joining us, please call Deb Streefland 652-2349.

2015 Schedule; Feb 17, March 17, April 14 and May 12.

CHOIR

The St. Nicholas choir practices Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30pm. No previous choir or vocal training required to join. Our music ministry is one of the most vital to the Liturgy and one that brings its members many rewards for their time and talents shared. If you are interested but have questions, please contact Pam Filipiak at 952-461-3478.

CMLG:

The next CMLG meeting is scheduled for Monday Feb. 2nd at 7pm in the church basement. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Mass Intentions – (* indicates a change in mass time)

Sat	24	5:00 pm	Bob Seykora+
Sun	25	8:00 am	For the Parish
Sun	25	10:00 am	Emma Cannaday
Tues	27	8:00 am	Norbert Skluzacek+
*Wed	28	8:15 am	Mass @ HC / Tim & Peggy Boyle
Thurs	29	8:00 am	Terry & Kelly Boyle
Fri	30	8:00 am	Steve & Ann Nicklaus
Sat	31	8:00 am	Jacob Keating
Sat	31	5:00 pm	Stuart & Joyce Russell+
Sun	1	8:00 am	Len & Joan Britten+
Sun	1	10:00 am	For the Parish

Daily Scriptures

Mon	2 Timothy 1:1-8	Mark 3:22-30
Tue	Hebrews 10:1-10	Mark 3:31-35
Wed:	Hebrews 10:11-18	Mark 4:1-20
Thu:	Hebrews 10:19-25	Mark 4:21-25
Fri	Hebrews 10:32-39	Mark 4:26-34
Sat.	Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19	Mark 4:35-41
Sun	Deuteronomy 18:5-20/ 1 Corinthians 7:32-35/Mark 1:21-28	

Liturgical Stewardship January 31 & February 1st

Jan 31 @ 5pm	Lector:	Leah Heselton
	Ministers	Chuck Mathews-H, Gail Mathews-Ch-H
	Ushers	Joe Molitor, David Sheedy
Feb 1 @ 8am	Lector:	Matt Damiani
	Ministers	Mike Cole-H, Joyce Anderson-Ch-H
	Ushers	Dan Weiland, Dan Simones
Feb 1 @ 10am	Lector:	Leander Wagner
	Ministers	Norleen Lane-H, Dennis Anderson-Ch-H
	Ushers:	Tom Wagner, Leon Meger

SUNDAY GIVING: Jan 18 / Week 29 in Fiscal Year

Budget Weekly Sunday Giving:	\$ 6,276
Budget Year-to-Date Sunday Giving:	\$182,004
Actual Collection Received	\$ 5,041
Fuel	\$ 20
Collection Received Year-to-Date:	\$ 183,618
	+ \$ 1,614
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ST. NICHOLAS MINISTRIES

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

"My greatest happiness is to be before the Blessed Sacrament where my heart is, as it were, in its center." ---St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), Saint of the Sacred Heart

MORE ADORERS ARE NEEDED FOR HOLY HOURS WITH JESUS. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WITH AN HOUR.

Adorers are needed especially for the following hours: **Sunday:** 1 pm (1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays), **Tuesday:** 4 pm, 7 pm, **Wednesday:** 10 am, **Friday:** 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 7 pm (2 Fridays a month), **Saturday:** 1 am, 1 pm (on 2nd, 3rd Saturdays of the month). To sign up as an Adorer or for more information on Adoration, please contact Dan and Lynne Soderlund at (507) 645-6012 or at lynsod@yahoo.com

MOTHER'S GROUP

We are reading Catholic books and meeting once a month for spiritual discussion, to pray, and reflect on the Gospel to enrich and support our vocation as wives and mothers. Location and times may vary. Please contact Becky Myhre and join us! 952-292-1086.

PRO-LIFE

We invite you to the chapel for the Pro-Life Rosary- every Saturday at 9am

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LNMV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Regular Classes Wednesday, **January 28, 2015** from 6:30-7:45 PM

Regular Classes Wednesday, **February 4, 2015** from 6:30-7:45 PM

First Reconciliation: Nothing gives Jesus greater joy than forgiving our sins, let us all pray for an abundance of the healing grace of God's forgiveness and love through this sacrament for our children who received this sacrament for the first time this weekend. Congratulations. Charlotte Benolkin, Ella Blackford, Magnus Blakenship, Easton Bosch, Maria Damiani, Stephen Deutsch, Grace Erickson, Kathryn Fredrickson, Joseph Friendshuh, Daniella Gibbons, Everett Harms, Lucy Havlicek, Megan Hennen, Cooper Herrmann, Jericho Juenemann, Jackson Kemp, Jack Kuhlmann, Grace Mahowald, Quinton McCabe, Elizabeth Michaud, Ava Miles, Grant Moening, Cole, Murphy, Brendan Panka, Peyton Resop, Sidney Revak, Anthony Schilling, Estella Schoenfelder, Frank Schoenfelder, Cecelia Schultz, Isaac Simones, Jocelyn Simones, Dylan Thomas, Jesse Tupy, Austin Wilson, Erik Zweber

HOLY CROSS:

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Students will be celebrating with special activities, speakers, service projects, and dress-up days. Catholic education is an investment in a child's spiritual and academic formation, and the students and staff of Holy Cross are grateful for your support.

The Holy Cross School Athletic Association is hosting its Annual **Sunday Breakfast** on **February 1** from 8:00 AM – Noon in the school gym. Pancakes, ham and eggs, cinnamon rolls, fresh fruit, coffee, milk, and juice will be served. Cost is \$8.50/adults, \$4.50/students, and children 4 and under are free.

Holy Cross School will be hosting a **Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Open House** in conjunction with the breakfast on **February 1** from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Tour the school, meet the teachers, and find out about our early learning programs that nurture the academic and social needs of your child.

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Together we celebrate all the good accomplished through our Catholic School with the theme of "Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and Service." Holy Cross Catholic School will celebrate with special events throughout the week that highlight the theme in our parishes, community, students, nation, vocations, students, families, and staff

One of the exciting events is the kickoff of the Catholic United Financial Raffle. Holy Cross Catholic School students will be selling \$5 raffle tickets from now until March 8. The raffle is fully supported by Catholic United Financial and all proceeds go directly to the school. Please help us reach our goal of \$10,000 by purchasing tickets from a student or calling the school for a book of tickets. Prizes include a 2015 Ford Escape or \$25,000 cash, trips, ipads and gift cards!

YOUTH GROUP:

Next **Dead Theologian Society Meeting:** Sunday, Feb 8th, 2015; 6:00-9:00pm, St. Nicholas campus.

Happening in the Area

YOUTH/FAMILY - OPEN GYM NIGHT

Lonsdale Civic Center gym (next to IC Church) on Friday Nights from 8:00-9:30 PM. All ages are welcome.

If there are multiple age levels or interest in different activities we will split the gym so there could be two groups at once. We also have space in our Youth Room for younger children to play floor games. If you have any questions please contact Kate Borgheiinck [507-744-2829](tel:507-744-2829) - kateb@holycrossschool.net

Follow Your Heart – A Day of Discernment for Women

Saturday, January 31, 2015 - 9 a.m-3p.m.

This day will examine the spiritual practices that guide us in living a discerning life. Sister Joanne Dehmer, SSND, will lead the day. She has a background in spiritual direction, teaching and pastoral care and will join us from Loyola Spirituality Center in St. Paul, Minnesota. The event will take place at the Notre Dame Center, 1910 Graham Ave., #217, St. Paul, Minnesota. Register by Wednesday, January 26. Free will offering accepted. Contact Sister Mary Swanson, SSND, mswanson@ssnd.org or 414-305-9011.

2015 Newly Married Retreat –

Saturday, February 7, 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Church of St. Charles Borromeo

All married couples who have not yet reached their 8th anniversary are invited to attend this great day to refresh their marriage. The retreat includes breakout sessions, reconciliation and the opportunity for couples to renew wedding vows. The cost is \$40 per couple and includes continental breakfast and catered lunch. More details and registration are available at www.archspm.org. Keywords: Newly Married. For more information, please call 651.291.4553.

